



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Nelson et al.
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(A)

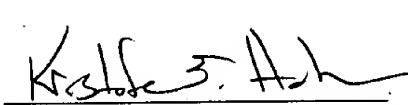
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed 9/22/99. A check for the extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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